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5 MPH Vessel Speed Limit at Folsom Lake Lifted

FOLSOM – State Park officials at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area have announced the lifting of the 5 mile per hour speed limit restriction for all vessels at the lake. The 5 MPH speed restriction had been put in place on October 21, 2009 due to public safety concerns regarding low water levels and associated hazards.

“This is great news for boaters and fishermen and all who enjoy the lake,” stated Folsom Lake Superintendent Ted Jackson. Jackson went on to say, “Even so, boaters and other should still exercise caution as rising lake levels can mask unmarked hazards.”

Boaters should seriously note that when there are heavy flows in the rivers coming into Folsom Lake, heavy amounts of logs and other debris are washed downstream and into the lake with that flow. Some of those heavy logs float mostly submerged and hard to see and boaters are warned to watch carefully, especially at increased speeds, because those tree sized logs can cause serious boat damage and injury. Also, more water in the lake does not mean that all rocks are safely under water. Boaters should use extreme caution near shoreline areas and when going around points of land jutting out into the lake.

Launch ramps are currently open at Granite Bay and Brown’s Ravine. All other ramps remain closed until the lake level increases.

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area office is located at 7755 Folsom-Auburn Road in Folsom. For more information, call (916) 988-0205.

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